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(*b*) the Government shall have power to realise the sum due from the parent as if it were an arrear of land revenue, etc.;

(*c*) the grantee should execute another bond immediately after attaining majority.

The loan should be repaid at the rate of 10 per cent of total emoluments from the date of securing employment of the grantee subject to the condition that the whole amount should be refunded within 100 months from the date of completion of his course. The repayment shall commence one year after the grantee successfully completes the course.

The Government have decided to extend the scheme of interest-free loans to all poor candidates, besides the children of teachers and Non-Gazetted Government Officers. The details of this scheme are being worked out.

Appendix II.

[Vide answer to Starred Question No. 1090 on page 468.]

Statement I.

(i) The Government of India have sanctioned a loan of Rs. 10 lakhs for starting one spinning mill at Nazareth. Construction of building and erection of machinery are in progress and the mills are expected to go into production in the middle of 1962.

(ii) Government lands have been leased out to Tirunelveli Repatriates' Co-operative Palm-Gur Industry Association for exploitation of palmyrah industry.

(iii) "Parishramalayas" have been opened for distribution of Ambar Charkas—20 units in Tirunelveli district and 10 units in Ramanathapuram district.

(iv) Government have sanctioned a loan of Rs. 1,000 each to 24 repatriates in 12 coastal villages (four in Tirunelveli, four in Thanjavur and four in Ramanathapuram district) for poultry farming.

(v) Schemes are being formulated to start coir industry units, one each in Ramanathapuram, Tirunelveli and Thanjavur districts.

(vi) The Government have in addition passed orders that service rules regarding educational qualification, age, etc., may be relaxed in deserving cases where the repatriate is found *prima facie* suitable for appointment and that repatriates from Ceylon should be given the second preference after war service candidates for appointment to the last grade service.

(vii) The Government have sanctioned the grant of loans up to a maximum of Rs. 500 to artisan repatriates such as tailors, blacksmiths, soapmakers, barbers, dhobies, goldsmiths and sculptors, etc., to enable them to pursue their skilled avocations in India.

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(viii) The Government have passed orders for giving preference to repatriates from Ceylon seeking admission into training schools.

(ix) Orders have also been issued for giving preferential treatment to repatriates in assigning lands for cultivation provided the applicants are landless and poor and were engaged in agriculture in Ceylon. The Government have also issued instructions that repatriates from Ceylon should be given preference over other applicants in the matter of assignment of house-sites provided the applicants are houseless and poor. It has also been ordered that business conducted in Ceylon by the repatriates should be treated as business conducted in India where previous experience in India is a condition for the grant of licences or permits for starting industrial or commercial undertakings.

(x) The Government have also passed orders granting boarding and lodging expenses to the children of repatriates from Ceylon studying in schools and colleges.

STATEMENT

Statement showing the conclusions reached at the Conference held on the 4th December 1959, at Madras with the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission on the Question of Rehabilitation of the repatriates from Ceylon and the action taken thereon.

Serial number and conclusions reached at the Conference with the Planning Commission.	*Department to which the conclusion relates.*	*Action taken on the conclusion.*
(1)	(2)	(3)
1. Absorption of Ceylon repatriates in Coffee Plantations in Malnad area in Mysore State.	Nil	The Planning Commission would take up the matter with the Government of Mysore.
2. The entire coastal area in Ramanathapuram district should be taken up for extensive plantations of casuarina, apart from the Plan Schemes already been implemented.	Food and Agriculture Department.	Food and Agriculture Department have sent a report to the Government of India that there is not much scope for raising casuarina plantations on south-east coastal areas and that the scope for the rehabilitation of repatriates from Ceylon by adopting this measure is negligible. The Forest department can afford casual and seasonal employment to the repatriates whenever any forest work is undertaken in these areas.
3. Areas fit for coconut cultivation in Thanjavur district, may be reserved for Ceylon repatriates wherever possible.	Food and Agriculture Department.	Food and Agriculture Department have stated that the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) has since furnished particulars regarding the availability of lands that are available for coconut cultivation. The Director of Agriculture has been asked to proceed with the detailed investigation as to the fitness or otherwise of the lands for coconut cultivation.
4. Development of Sethusamudram Project.	Public Works Department.	This is under consideration in Public Works Department. They have stated that a decision on the subject, when taken, will be communicated to this department.

STATEMENT II—*cont.*

Serial number and conclusions reached at the Conference with the Planning Commission.	*Department to which the conclusion relates.*	*Action taken on the conclusion.*
(1)	(2)	(3)
5. Investigation of Minor Irrigation Tank Basins in the former zamin area of Ramanathapuram district and repair of supply channels should be undertaken. A comprehensive scheme should be prepared by the Minor Irrigation Department in Ramanathapuram district.	Food and Agriculture Department.	Food and Agriculture Department have communicated to the Government of India, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the steps taken regarding the development of Minor Irrigation Schemes in Ramanathapuram district which have been taken on hand and that those Schemes would ensure the speedy development of Minor Irrigation in Ramanathapuram.
6. *Major Irrigation Schemes*—(*a*) Development of Upper Periar waters to bring 2·5 lakhs of acres under irrigation.	Public Works Department.	(*a*) Public Works department have addressed the Planning Commission and the Secretary, South Zonal Council, in the matter. This is als set out for discussion at the next meeting of the Southern Zonal Council.
(*b*) Creation of Western Ghats Development Corporation for the development of irrigation, generation of electricity and expansion of plantation work for the entire Western Ghats area of Madras, Mysore and Kerala States.		(*b*) The schemes relating to the formation of a Western Ghat Development Corporation has been considered in Public Works Department and dropped.
7. Road Development in Ramanathapuram district wherever necessary be undertaken.	Public Works Department.	Public Works Department have stated that this has been suggested for inclusion in the Third Five-Year Plan as a special scheme.
8. Colonisation of Nicobar Islands with the Ceylon repatriates should be investigated.	Home Department.	A study team comprising experts proceeded to Nicobar Islands in February 1960 to survey the conditions in the islands. Its findings were that the islands were unsuitable for colonisation. The Government of India had agreed with the views of Government that this may be dropped.
9. Deep-sea fishing Projects in Ramanathapuram and Tirunelveli areas may be encouraged.	Food and Agriculture Department.	Food and Agriculture Department have stated that the question of establishment of a deep sea-fishing unit in the Ramanathapuram and Tirunelveli coast, on a large scale with foreign aid, is separately under consideration in consultation with the Director of Fisheries and that the question of giving assistance to a private party to start a deep-sea fishing company in colloboration with American Companies is also under consideration. A decision on the above schemes will necessarily involve considerable time. Food and Agriculture Department have expressed the view that if these two schemes materialise such of the repatriates from Ceylon as have taken up fishing as their profession, may have chances for absorption.
10. Extension of Electric Power in Ramanathapuram and Tirunelveli areas should be given priority.	Public Works Department.	Public Works Department have put this conclusion to the State Electricity Board for consideration.